



Lifesaving Heart Heroes Honored at San Antonio International Airport

San Antonio, TX – (February 25, 2015) On the night of August 21st, Officer Collis Boone was on his shift at the San Antonio International Airport. At approximately 10:46 p.m. that same evening he suffered sudden cardiac death, otherwise known as *Long QT Syndrome*. Thanks to the quick efforts of a group of heroic citizens and officers, he is here today to help present those heroes with an award of recognition they so richly deserve.

Event Timeline - *Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:46pm – 11:05pm*

- While on traffic duty curbside in Terminal A, Officer Collis Boone collapses onto pavement.
- San Antonio Airport Police Officer Mike Gomez, also on duty, immediately requested paramedics via radio. Officers Brian Walsh, Fostyr Harkins, Sergeant Burkowski and Corporal De la Garza arrive on the scene in response to the radio call.
- Bystander and passenger Sergio Peña, a trained paramedic/respiratory technician from El Paso, begins CPR chest compressions on site.
- Officer Walsh leaves the scene to access the closest automated external defibrillator (AED) inside Terminal A.
- Passengers Dr. Sarah Groff and her husband Robert Groff (a Paramedic with SAFD), follow Officer Walsh to the scene. Robert Groff assists Peña with CPR and attaches the AED to Officer Boone. He checks Officer Boone for a pulse and no pulse was detected.
- Passenger, Dr. David Altman arrives on the scene and immediately assists with lifesaving efforts.
- Mr. Peña stops compressions on Officer Boone, Dr. Groff checks for a pulse and no pulse is detected.
- Dr. Groff proceeds to shock Officer Boone with AED.
- Peña continues the chest compressions on Officer Boone.
- Airport Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF) arrive on the scene, assess and take over CPR efforts.
- San Antonio Fire EMS arrives at San Antonio International Airport and paramedics continue lifesaving efforts.
- Officer Boone is transported to Northeast Baptist Hospital where he is treated and later diagnosed with Long QT Syndrome.

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On February 25rd at 2 pm, *San Antonio International Airport Service* awards will be presented to the six individuals who aided Officer Boone. The San Antonio Police Department *Life Saving Honor* award will also be bestowed to San Antonio Airport Police Officer Gomez and Officer Walsh.

*Media may park on the upper level, past Terminal B.

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